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The Honorable Stephen J. Solarz
Chairman, Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

During [redacted] 31 January appearance before your Subcommittee, you asked a question concerning the rural support for the Liberal Democratic Party in Japan. Because Dave is out of the country, I am answering the question for him.

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While the Liberal Democratic Party has always been considered and characterized as one based largely on rural support, a precise quantification of that has never been attempted. [redacted]

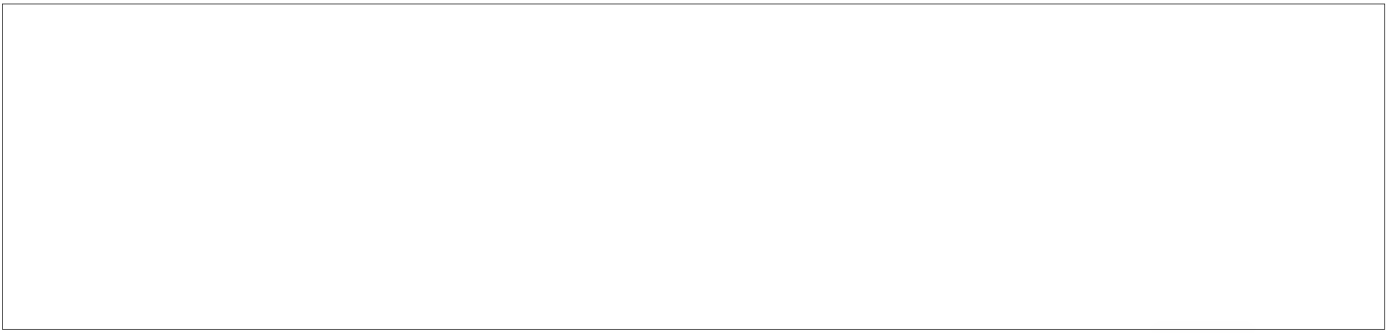
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I hope the above information will be of value to you

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Sincerely,

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